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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Johannes Daprich et al.  
Application No. : 09/735,099  
Filed : December 11, 2000  
For : METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

Examiner : Betty J. Forman, Ph.D.  
Art Unit : 1634  
Docket No. : 770025.413C1  
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, please extend the period of time for response two months, to expire on June 23, 2006. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.